Bodmin Hospital League of Friends

Newsletter

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Open Garden at The Lodge, Fletcher's Bridge, 13th and 14th April, 2024

Bodmin Hospital League of Friends was delighted to be invited again by Tony Ryde and James Wilson to provide light lunches and teas for their 'annual' opening of their beautiful garden, **The Lodge**, over a weekend in mid April. The garden opens under the umbrella of the National Garden Scheme but BHLF keeps the refreshment monies for itself. We were able to sit in the courtyard of **The Lodge** as the wind had dropped away (well sort of) and happily the sun shone on and off, actually more on than off, especially on the Saturday which gave that day's teas a rather 'Garden Party' feel as everyone just appreciated being able to sit in the open, sample the delicious treats on offer, and chat about the amazing trees and shrubs that were in bloom in the garden.
A fabulous sum of £580 was taken for the teas and refreshments and BHLF is delighted with that result.

Bodmin Carnival

At the Bodmin Carnival in August, BHLF participated, represented by Committee Member Jess and her daughter Ava,(on the right and centre) friends and many teddy bears. They were awarded Second Prize!

The Fete

The hardworking girls on the bric a Brac stall.
Photo by Adrian Jasper

Unbelievably, the sun shone on our fete on Saturday 14th September – the first really sunny day there had been for a long time.
Held at Fair Park, Westheath Avenue, by very kind permission of Bodmin Town Council who were so helpful with all the equipment – gazebos, chairs, tables and support all the way – our grateful thanks go out to them, without them the fete could not have taken place.

The fete had originally been scheduled for June, but, because Fair Park had been under repair at the time, it had to be postponed until September.

It was opened in superb style by Neil Caddy of Hits Radio, Cornwall, (formerly Pirate FM) and the entertainment continued with the talented young dancers of KBSK and Future Youth Dance with music and entertainment supplied all the way through by the wonderful Tina and her team. Ward stalls, Bodmin Hospital League of Friends stalls, Inner Wheel and Motor Neurone disease stalls were ladened with goodies, games and all sorts of delights, while Hugs Foundation stole hearts with their beautiful miniature ponies. The Police were besieged by youngsters wanting to sit in a Police car and to know how everything worked; youngsters also enjoyed sitting on the impressive Blood Bikes, and the First Responder team held lots of interest with their demonstrations - and there was so much more - it made for a very busy and enjoyable afternoon for all.
So many thanks to all the friends who came to help.

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Forthcoming events

We will again be participating in the Remembrance Day celebrations in Bodmin on 10th November by laying a wreath, taking part in the Christmas Tree festival in St Petrocs Church and singing Carols around the wards, hopefully with the assistance of Lovenny Male Voice Choir who, for the past two years, have come along and lent their wonderful voices and humour.

On the weekend of 29th and 30th March 2025 Tony Ryde has, once again, invited us to provide refreshments for his Open Garden for the NGS, which, of course, we are delighted to do.

Provisional date for next year's fete is 21st June 2025

Grateful thanks

We continue to receive donations in memory of loved ones who have been cared for in Bodmin Hospital, for which we are truly grateful.

And continue to receive cheques several times a year from the sale of home-made cards by a former patient as thanks for the wonderful care received at the hospital, several years ago. We also received a generous cheque or £275 from the Camelot Ladies Darts Team being distribution of funds after their group was unable to re-convene following Covid, and are so grateful, once again to Wadebridge Rotary Club for their donation of £500 following last year's WHEELS event, and £124 from Bodmin Inner Wheel.

Committee news

We were so sorry that our Chairman, Susie, stood down in May. Vice Chairman, Dave Jenkins is carrying on as Acting Chairman until someone else can be persuaded to take up the mantle.

In March, we were delighted to welcome Ian Bell to the committee; he has helped at the fete and other events for the past couple of years and his energy and common sense is very much appreciated.

We continue to hold monthly meetings, normally on the first Thursday of the month, at the One and All Community Hall in Lanivet which, apart from not being in the hospital, is the most wonderful venue – many thanks to all the staff there.

Purchases made for the hospital

Over the past year we agreed to the following funding for the hospital:

In October 2023: £4,750 for purchase of airwave mattresses for Anchor and Harbour CATU (Community Assessment and Treatment Unit)

Also in October 23: £228.65 for Out Patients Dept to purchase a Wall Activity Centre and Wall stickers to make the Children's waiting area more child friendly.

In December as always, we supply cash for the staff to buy a present for each patient who is in hospital over Christmas – this is always very warmly received

In March 24 we agreed to funding of £375.07 to purchase items for two Self Soothe Boxes for the East Cornwall Home Treatment Team.

Also in March 24 we agreed to a request from Matron Denise Williams for £5208.15 to purchase and install a proper Reception Desk at the hospital entrance. This has now been put on hold while necessary Fire Regulation works are carried out at the hospital.

In May 24 we agreed to £200 for the Department of Spiritual and Pastoral Care to purchase various religious items.

In June 24 we agreed to £799 for the purchase of an out door table tennis table for Harvest Ward.

In September 24 we agreed to £4796 for a Raizer II Lifting chair for Garner Ward

If you would like to be involved and/or help at any of our events, we would be hugely grateful. Just drop me an email, phone or complete the form below – we're a very friendly bunch and, we feel, fill an important role – raising money to buy services and equipment not supplied by the NHS for OUR LOCAL hospital.

We still have need of new committee members so if you have a bit of free time or if you are newly retired **- we need you!**

Finally and, most importantly, a huge thank you to everyone, both private individuals and all the local businesses and clubs who help and/or contribute in any way – without you we could not function.

With very best wishes

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